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TAGS: PINT, ASEC, AR  
SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES SEIZURE OF MONTONERO HIDEAWAY

1. (U) THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY 11 THAT  
ON JANUARY 9 ARMY AND POLICE PERSONNEL  
CAPTURED A MONTONERO HIDEAWAY IN A BUENOS AIRES  
SUBURB. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE APARTMENT, TWO YOUNG  
MEN, DESERTED IT SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER, ACCORDING TO  
NEIGHBORS. EXPLOSIVES, ARMS AND RADIO TRANSMITTERS, INCLUDING  
ONE HOOKED TO A LONG ANTENNA AND INTENDED TO BREAK  
INTO TV AND RADIO BROADCASTS, WERE REPORTEDLY  
CAPTURED. ALSO SEIZED WERE VARIOUS PROPAGANDA  
TAPES, INCLUDING ONE OF THE PERONIST MARCH. THE  
APARTMENT WAS REPORTEDLY BOOBYTRAPPED AGAINST  
UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY.

2. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THOUGH WE WERE EARLIER SKEPTICAL,  
A VARIETY OF SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT A SMALL  
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NUMBER OF MONTONEROS HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN BUENOS AIRES.  
THEIR ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO "AGITATION,"

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INCLUDING THE VERY OCCASIONAL INTERRUPTION OF RADIO AND TV BROADCASTS WITH MONTONERO PROPAGANDA VIA SMALL TRANSMITTERS. SOME TIME AGO WE WERE TOLD THAT SECURITY FORCES THOUGHT THAT ORIGINALLY TWO OF THESE TRANSMITTERS WERE OPERATING -- AND ONE HAD BEEN CAPTURED. IF SO, IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE SECOND TRANSMITTER HAS NOT BEEN LOCALIEZED AND DECOMMISSIONED.

3. [REDACTED] RELIABLE SOURCES HAVE REPEATEDLY ASSURED US THAT THE SECURITY SERVICES HAVE THE TERRORIST PROBLEM WELL IN HAND -- AND WE WOULD AGREE. ONE QUESTION IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MONTONEROS WHEN THEY ARE CAPTURED. IN THIS REGARD, GENERAL VALIN, AT THE TIME HEAD OF ARMY G-2, TOLD US LAST YEAR THAT WHEN MONTONERO PROPAGANDA TEAMS WERE CAPTURED THEY WOULD BE PUT INTO CIVILIAN OR MILITARY COURTS -- THAT IS, BY IMPLICATION, THEY WOULD NOT DISAPPEAR. THIS ESTIMATE REMAINS TO BE TESTED.  
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